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TITLE:

"METHOD AND ADAPTING A HEARING AID, AND HEARING AID WITH A DIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE ARRANGEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,069,963

AB United States Patent No. 5,757,933

AL European Application 0,917,398

AM European Application 0,788,290

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The German counterparts to references AA and AB, plus references AL and AM, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

Since references AA and AB are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Reference AL corresponds to co-pending United States application Serial No. 09/190,700, filed November 12, 1998 ("Hearing Device and Method for Adjusting

Audiological/Acoustical Parameters." Meyer) That application is assigned to the same S and E, Siemens Audiologische Technik GmbH as the present application, and is pending in Group Art Unit 2743. This application can be used as a translation for reference AL, however, applicants do not represent that the co-pending application is a literal translation of reference AL. Applicants assume the Examiner has access to this co-pending application and therefore not burdened the present file with a duplicate copy. If the Examiner would nevertheless prefer that a copy be submitted, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the applicants and a copy will be submitted.

A translation of reference AM is not readily available to the applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this information disclosure statement, a first office action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination.

Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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